State	Proposal	Action Taken
Uttaranchal	Bareilly-Tanakpur	Bareilly-Bhojipura (19 kms.) gauge conversion taken up. The proposal for Bhojipura-Pilibhit-Tanakpur has been sent to Planning Commission for "in principle" approval.

Rail projects

1282. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are 84 rail projects worth Rs. 20,000 crores lying grounded for decades;

(b) whether these projects have been mentioned as ongoing projects of new lines and gauge conversion in successive budgets for the last 20 years and are mostly in remote and backward areas;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for delay in completion of these projects; and

(d) if so, what are the steps his Ministry is considering to build these projects which are highly needed for backward areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) These are ongoing projects included in the various Budgets. The projects are being progressed as per availability of resources.

(d) A number of initiatives have been taken to expedite completion of these ongoing projects. Minister for Railways has written to Chief Ministers of States to consider suitable cost sharing for the ongoing New Line and Gauge Conversion projects to the extent of 50% or more.